A FEW WORDS IN SEASON:

OR,

A *WARNING* from the *LORD* to *Friends* of *Truth.*

THAT

They take heed of *Security*, becauſe of the *Preſent* Calme on the *One* hand, and of *Fearing*, becauſe of the *Fury* of the *Oppreſſor* that *may* ariſe On the *Other.*

WITH

Some *other* words of *Weight* to *Friends* in this *Hour*, wherein the *Lord* is drawing *nigh* to *Judgement*, to *ſave all the Meek of the Earth.*

AS

They were wrote upon the *Occaſions* aforeſaid to a *Friend* in *London*, at the *Movings* of the *Lord*, in which *They* are *now* Publiſhed.

By *Geo. Biſhope.*

Behold! I have told ye before

Take heed to your ſelves, leaſt at any time your hearts be Overcharged with ſurfeiting, and Drunkenneſs, and Cares of this Life; and ſo that day come upon you unawares.

Except Thou Watch, behold! I come as a Theif in the Night.

For as in the days that were before the Flood, they were Eating and Drinking, Marrying, and giving in Marriage, untill the day that Noah *entred into the Ark, and knew not untill the Flood came, and took them all away; ſo ſhall alſo the Coming of the ſon of man be.*

For, When they ſhall ſay Peace, and Safety, then ſudden Deſtruction cometh upon Them, as Travail upon a woman with Child, and they ſhall not eſcape.

For the time is Come, That Judgement muſt begin at the Houſe of God, and if it firſt begin at Us, What ſhall the End be of them that Obey not the Goſpel of God? And if the Righteous ſcarcely be ſaved, where ſhall the Ungodly, and Sinners Appear?

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A Few *Words in* Seaſon, *&c.*

Dear Friend,

I Have *thy* Letter; and as for *thoſe* who put the *Day* of the *Lord a far off*, Let *them* take heed leaſt *it* come upon *them unawares*, as a *Theif* in the *Night*. For, *this I* know, *It is even Come*, and the *Things I* have ſpoken *will* come to paſſe, and be fulfilled in *their* ſeaſon; and *Bleſſed* is *he* that *Watcheth*, and *keepeth his* Garments, leaſt *his* nakedneſs be ſeen, and *his* ſhame Diſcovered: But *this I* ſee, that the *End* of the *Lord* in *this* preſent Calmneſſe, wherein, by the *Preſervation* of *his* People in the *midſt* of *their* Enemies, when the *Flood thought* to have *Overwhelm'd them*, and *they* were *betrayed* for *that* purpoſe; and by *his Turning* again for a *little* time the *Flood* into the *Deep*, and ſaying, *Hitherto ſhall Thy Proud Waves go, and no further*; *He* hath made *it* Appear that *his* Kingdom *is Come*, and that *he* hath a *People* whom *he* can *preſerve*, to the *Aſtoniſhment* of *all*; *I* ſay, the *End* of the *Lord* in *all* this, which is, That *Friends* may mind *their* being in *him* who *ſitteth on the Floods*, before the *next* ſtorm ariſe, which *may* be ſudden, that *ſo* the *Extremity* of *both*, *within*, and *without*, come not upon *Them at Once*, is *much* unanſwered by *ſome*, and the *Enemy* hath the *Day* to *put* the *Day* of the *Lord afar off*, and *ſteal them aſide* to *Eat*, and to *Drink*, and to *riſe* up to *Play*, that *ſo it* may be with *them* as in the *Dayes* of *Noah*; and *know not till the Flood come, and ſweep them away*. This *I* feel, and for *this I* ſuffer; and the *Nights* of *my* pleaſure are *turned* into *heavineſs* for *this*, and *I* go *bowed* down *all* the day long, that *ſo* in *their* day *Every* One *may* know the *Things* that *belong*

belong to *their* Peace. And *this Perverting* of the *End* of the *Lord*, may bring *Another* day before *they* are *aware*; For, let not *any* be miſtaken, *their* hour is not *yet* paſt thorough, which *will* try *them to the uttermoſt*, *within*, and *without*; Nor the *Day* the *like* was *never*, nor *ſhall be* after *it*, wherein the *things that are* ſhall *paſſe* away, and the *Earth* be *removed* as a *Cottage*, and *ſtagger* as a *Drunken* man, and *this* muſt be *paſſed thorough*; and the *Bitter* Cup *Drunk*, and the *Brook* in the *Way*, and the *Baptiſme*, Ere the *Seed Reign Over all*, and *time* be *no* more, and the *Kingdomes* of the *Earth become* the *Lords*, and *his Chriſts*, and *God* be *known*, and *Glorified* in the *Earth*; and *Old* Satan, the *Deceiver* be *caſt* into the *Pit*; and *Hallelujah's*, *Praiſe*, and *Glory*, and *Honour* be *ſung* by the *Redeemed* from the *Earth* to the *Lamb* for *Ever*. And in *this Hour* of *Darkneſſe*, *All* deceiveableneſs of unrighteouſneſſe; *all* Artifices and Workings, Tryalls and Temptations *imaginable will be*, and *more* than *can* be *thought* of, to *deceive*, *if it were poſſible the very Elect*; *Behold*, *I have told you before*. And ſo *my* Dear Friend, and *all* that *Dwell* in the *fence* of *God*, and the *feeling* of *his* Preſence; and of *your* Enemy, know *aſſuredly* the *hour is Come*, wherein *You muſt* be *tryed* to the *uttermoſt*; yea, the *Seed* of *God* in *ye* to the *uttermoſt*; Yea, *before* the *World* too; for *before* the *World* will *he* Crown *It* in the *ſight* of *his* Enemies, and ſo *before* the *World It* muſt be *Tryed* to *get* himſelf a *Name*, and a *Praiſe*, ſuch as *Never* hath been, nor *ſhall* be, the *Lord hath ſpoken it*. *Bleſſed* is *he* that *Endures* to the *End*, the *ſame ſhall be ſaved*. And *ſo* in *Dearneſs* of *Love I* ſalute *Thee*; and *all* that *wait* for *Our* Lord Jeſus, and *his* Comming, to *whom* be *Glory*, and *Honour*, and *Dominion* for *Ever*:

Briſtol 23. 4th. *Month*, 1660.

Geo. Biſhope.

Dear Friend,

IT will be *well* if *no* Papers come forth but *ſuch* as *ſtand* in the *Authority* of *God*, *his* Wiſdome, and Councell, that ſo *no* offence may be by *reaſon* of the *Contrary*, nor *Occaſion* of *ſtumbling* given; Nor *Truth brought* Under. For *onely* it is the *Eternall* dominion which gives *this* Liberty, and *ſtop's* the *Overflowings* of the *Flood*: In *his* Councell, and Wiſdome, there *is onely* Safety, and *all* other things *are* to be *forborn*: For, *We* bear the *Name* of the *Lord*, and *his* Truth, and *he* will be *glorified in Us*. According to, and in, and through *him* let *Our* Actings be, that *he* in *all* things may be *glorified by Us*. For it is not *Every* Thing that in *Simplicity may be*; Nor what *may* be *felt* in the *living*, but *What* the *Lord* moves unto, and *his* Wiſdome directs to be *Wrot*, or *ſaid*, that *beares* the *Authority*, and *gives* the *Dominion*: I Write *this* becauſe I am ſenſible of an *Aptneſſe* in *many* to *bring forth* the *Simplicity without* the *Wiſdome* of *God*, which *betrayes* Truth, *onely* the *Lord* hath regard to *his* Truth, and the condition of *ſuch* friends *oft* times, and help's *it* Out.

And if *any* thing be *done*, *Wrot*, or *Printed* in the *Name* of *Friends*, let *them firſt* ſee it, *as is Right*, and be *ſatiſfied*, For *there* is a *Great* Body of *Friends*, and *many* ſee and Perceive, and the *Seed is come*; and the *Seaſon* is *not* ſlight, and *all things ſhould bear* the *Authority* of *God* which comes forth in *his*, or the *Name* of *his People*; On whom *all* Eyes are fixt, and in *whoſe* Very Authority is *Our* ſtanding who makes *all Subjects* Unto *It*; and *whoſe Kingdom is come* which is an *Everlaſting* Kingdom, and *his* Dominion *that which* ſhall *never* have end.

And it is not that the *Powers of Darkneſſe* have *not*, nor *do* Work; Or that the *Flood* did not *come* to *Overflow* all; Or that it *lifted* not *Up its* Voice; Or that *It* hath *not* been, nor *is* felt, and *turned back* into the *Deep*; and *there* kept that *this* Calme *is*, and *hath* been *hitherto*, but through *Unſpeakble* Sufferings is *it* come to paſs that a *Standard* hath been, and *is* lifted up *againſt it*; Therefore, *take heed of bringing Truth under*, through *fear* of the *Fury* of the *Oppreſſor*; Or *Stooping it* to the *Dread* of *Times*. Or *bowing It* to *Man*, *whoſe breath is in his Noſtrils*, but in the *Dominion which is Eternal*, *the alone Sanctuary* of *Truth*, *ſtand over* them *all*; And if any *Warne*, Let *it* be in the *Authority* of *God*, and if *any Write*, Let *it* be in the *very* Wiſdom that *God* giveth; For *this* Generation *muſt* be *touched*, and *will* fill up *their* Meaſure; and *have their* End, *after* the *Lord* hath accompliſhed *his* Work by *them* which is *Very* great, and *drawn* forth *thoſe* who are *Appointed* to *life*; and *the time haſtens*, In *Tenderneſs* to *Truth*, & *regard* to *It's* Majeſty, which is *Dearer to me then* All; and a *Deep* Sence that is *Upon me*, do *I thus write*.

Briſtol the 2d 5 Month, 1660. *Geo. Biſhop.*

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